California Student Aid Commission

Chafee Grant
Program
for Former
Foster Youth





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Chafee Grant Overview

- Administered by the Commission through an interagency agreement with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- Assists former foster youth to help pay for college or career/technical training
- Maximum annual award amount is \$5,000 per academic year based on unmet need
- \$14,333,755 federal and state funded grant subject to annual availability of funds



School Eligibility

New Chafee grant awards will be offered to eligible students only if the student attends either:

- An institution that is eligible to participate in the Cal Grant program
 OR
- An institution that does not participate in the Cal-Grant program or located outside California with a:
 - Three-year cohort default rate less than 15.5% and
 - Overall graduation rate greater than 30%
- Paid Chafee recipients that previously received a payment and still meet the student eligibility requirements are not subject to the provisions of AB2506 as long as they continue at the same institution.



Student Eligibility

To **APPLY**, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current or former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18
 - Youth who are/were in Kin-GAP, a non-related legal guardianship or were adopted, are eligible only if the youth was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18
- Not have reached their 22nd birthday as of July 1st of the award year



Student Eligibility

Example 1:

Keisha will turn 22 on June 20th, 2018. If Keisha has never applied for the Chafee grant, she is eligible to submit the Chafee application for 2017-18.

Example 2:

Keisha will turn 22 on July 5th, 2018. She can still apply for a 2017-18 Chafee grant because the application will remain open until August.

Example 3:

Same as above except the 2017-18 Chafee application is closed. Keisha is unable to apply for the Chafee grant.



1.	Student application process and DSS Verification			
2.	Award based on priority selection criteria			
3.	Student is placed on school roster			
4.	School certifies eligibility and requests payment			
5.	Payments sent to school			
6.	Second eligibility check and disbursement			
7.	Institutional reconciliation			

*Chafee processing normally happens once per week on Monday nights.



Student Application Process



- 1. Chafee Grant application (one-time)
- 2. FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application (every year)*
 - Students should complete the Chafee application, FAFSA or CADAA for the year they plan to enroll.
- 3. CSAC receives verification of foster care eligibility directly from the Department of Social Services (monthly)



Student Application Process

Awarding

School Chafee Roster
Certify and Request Payment
Payment Sent to School
Disbursement
Reconciliation

Priority Awarding Criteria:

- 1. Paid renewal students
- 2. New and non-paid renewal students who will be 22 years as of July 1st of the award year
- 3. New and non-paid renewal students who have dependents
- 4. New and non-paid renewal students with an unmet need greater than \$5,000
- 5. New and non-paid renewal students with an unmet need less than \$5,000



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Awarded: Student has a preliminary award and you can certify eligibility and request payment.

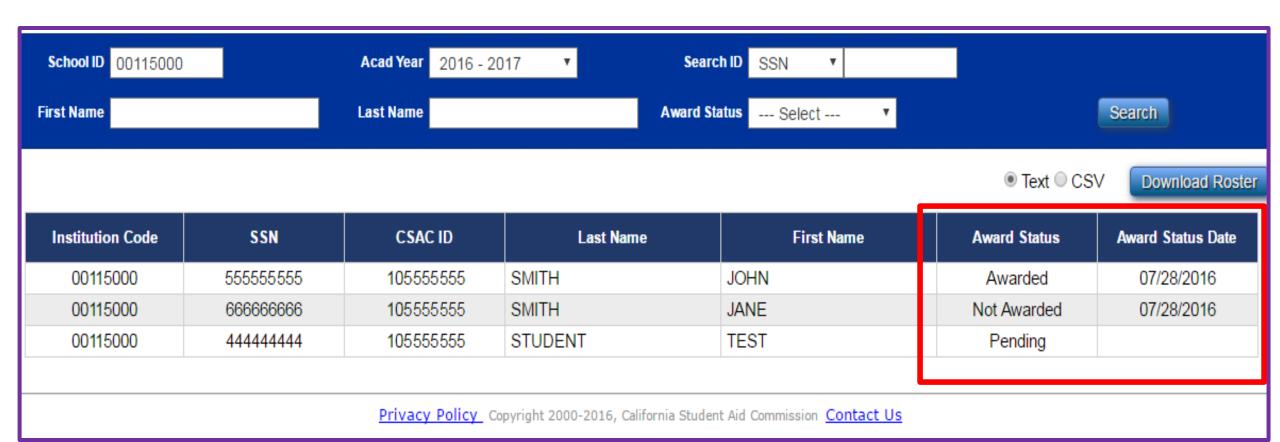
Pending: Student is eligible but not awarded. The student is lower on the priority awarding scale and will become Awarded as funds get recycled.

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There is a pending transaction that will process Monday evening.

Not Awarded: Student not eligible

WebGrants Chafee Roster





Student Application Process

Awarding
School Chafee Roster

To maximize funding, it is very important for schools to certify eligibility and request payment timely.

Certify and Request Payment

Schools must certify eligibility and request payment each term.

Payment Sent to School

Disbursement

Reconciliation

Schools can certify and request payment in the same transaction but there can only be one transaction per week.



Student Application Process

Awarding

School Chafee Roster

Before schools can request payment, student eligibility must be certified.

Students must:

- Be enrolled at least half-time
- Be in good SAP standing
- Have unmet need

Certify and Request Payment

Payment Sent to School Disbursement Reconciliation

Students do <u>NOT</u> need:

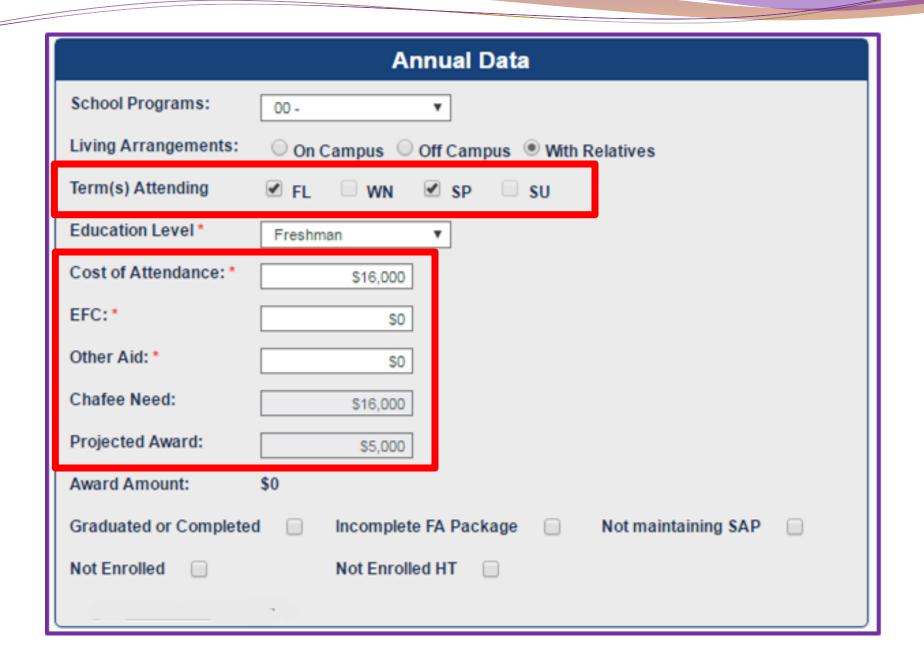
- To meet ability-to-benefit requirements
- To meet Selective Service requirements
- To be clear of default or overpayments

Chafee - Payment Request (TEST SCHOOL

Demographic Information Annual Data School Programs: DOE, JOHN 00 -12345678 CSACID: Living Arrangements: On Campus Off Campus With Relatives XXX - XX - 1111 FL WN SP SU SSN No: Term(s) Attending DOB: 09/26/1994 Education Level* Freshman Address: 1234 MAIN STREET SACTOWN CA 95555 Cost of Attendance: * \$16,000 9164646425 EFC: * Phone: 50 Alt. Phone: Other Aid: * 50 APPTEST@CSAC.CA.GOV Email: Chafee Need: \$16,000 Alt. Email: Projected Award: \$5,000 Award Amount: Not maintaining SAP Graduated or Completed Incomplete FA Package Not Enrolled Not Enrolled HT

Request Payment - Open Terms: Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer				
Pay Fall Term:				
Pay Winter Term:				
Pay Spring Term:				
Pay Summer Term:				

Save Back Reset



Request Payment - Open Terms: Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer				
Pay Fall Term:				
Pay Winter Term:				
Pay Spring Term:				
Pay Summer Term:				



Annual Data				
School Programs:	00 - ▼			
Living Arrangements: On Campus Off Campus With Relatives				
Term(s) Attending ✓ FL WN SP SU				
Education Level*	Freshman ▼			
Cost of Attendance: *	\$16,000			
EFC:*	\$0			
Other Aid: *	\$0			
Chafee Need:	\$16,000			
Projected Award:	\$5,000			
Award Amount: \$0				
Graduated or Completed				
Not Enrolled				



Student Application Process

Awarding
School Chafee Roster

Certify and Request Payment

Payment requests made Tuesday through Monday are sent to the State Controllers Office for payment.

Checks are sent from the State Controllers Office directly to the school made out to the student (in care of the school).

Payment Sent to School

Disbursement Reconciliation



Student Application Process

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Certify and Request Payment

Payment Sent to School

Once the check is received, schools must verify that the student:

- Is still enrolled at least half-time
- Is meeting your SAP policy
- Has unmet need greater than the amount of the check

Disbursement

Reconciliation

Schools are expected to disburse the check (or return it to CSAC) within 10 days of receipt).



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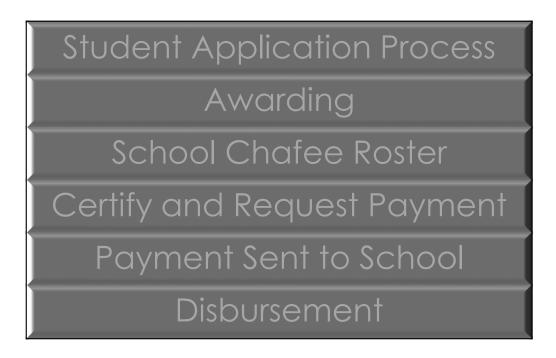
Returned Checks (Abatements)

If the student is no longer eligible for their Chafee grant, schools must return the check.

On the check stub, schools should indicate the reason for return.

Schools are expected to disburse the check with 10 days of receipt.





Schools are encouraged to utilize the Institution Reconciliation screen on WebGrants.

Reconciliation

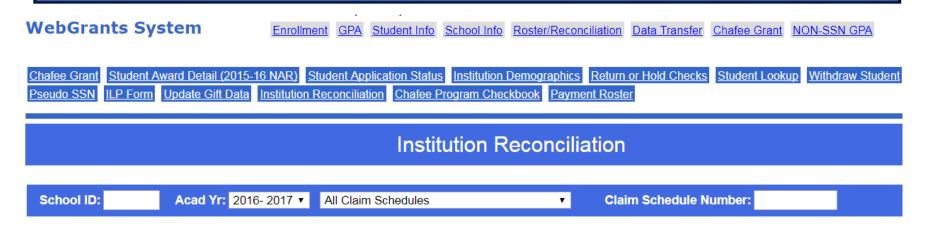


Chafee Process Flow - Reconciliation





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Payments for Claim Schedule 17143371



Seq #	CSAC Id	Name	Acad Year	Warrant Number	Warrant Amount	Warrant Date	Fund Year	CSAC Recv'd Return Ck Date
108			2016	66-648918	\$2,500	05/30/2017	2016	
46			2016	66-648916	\$2,500	05/30/2017	2016	06/26/2017
65			2016	66-648917	\$2,500	05/30/2017	2016	

Exit



2017-18 Awards

- Program totals:
 - Awarded amount: \$14,332,467
 Paid amount: \$10,967,447
 - 3117 students

Segment	Amount	Students
CCC	\$8,794,212	1973
CSU	\$2,795,392	580
UC	\$745,495	152
Private	\$1,001,141	214
Out of State	\$996,227	198



Operational Updates

- Weekly emails to schools and students
- Notices are sent to the students to let them know they will be made ineligible and to contact the Financial Aid Office if they have questions or to make a school change if they are no longer enrolled at that school.
- Awards that have not been certified, that are more than 30 days old, will be made ineligible.
- 2017-18 awards and payments processed through September 2018
- 2018-19 awarding date TBD for April